

## **Legalized Usury**

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“The sex problem,  
the marriage problem,  
the crime problem,  
the problem of armaments  
and international trade,  
all those problems  
could be solved  
if we would recognize  
the necessity  
of abolishing  
trade in money,  
and especially  
the international trade in money;  
that is to say,  
the usury,  
the legalized usury,  
practiced by the banks  
under the protection  
of their charters  
with the support  
of the so-called  
orthodox economists.  
That is the first thing  
to be recognized.”

### **God and Mammon**

Christ says:  
“The dollar you have  
is the dollar you give  
to the poor  
for My sake.”  
The banker says:  
“The dollar you have  
is the dollar  
you lend me  
for your sake.”  
Christ says:  
“You cannot  
serve two masters,  
God and Mammon.”  
“You cannot,  
and all our education  
is to try to find out  
how we can  
serve two masters,  
God and Mammon,”  
says Robert Louis Stevenson.